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Bright Republic.

A SONG AND CHORUS.

Written for the National Jubilee, July 4th, 1865.^x

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I.

BRIGHT REPUBLIC, white and gleaming
In the robes of joy to-day!
Brothers' hate and red blood streaming
And the slave are passed away.
Silver music
Merrily proclaims thy sway.

Her blood-ransomed flag glitters bright as her daughters,
Unshorn of a star it shall glitter for aye,
And each gallant ship riding o'er the blue waters
Shall grand old "*E Pluribus Unum*" display.

II.

GRAND REPUBLIC, States united

By the smiling grace of God,
And the Constitution plighted—

Once defied—now sealed with blood!

Freedom's martyrs
Sleep in glory 'neath thy sod.

Her blood-ransomed flag, &c.

III.

MIGHTY UNION, one forever!

On thy borders oceans roll,
And we swear that men shall never
Sunder that which God made whole!

Mighty Union!
Stand while earthly ages roll.

Her blood-ransomed flag, &c.

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IV.

STATE OF EQUALS, nobly holding

All the hopes of man enshrined!

Guard the problem now unfolding—

Liberty with Law combined—

Glorious problem!

To beatify mankind.

Her blood-ransomed flag, &c.

V.

PEOPLE'S EMPIRE, wondrous nation!

Morning star of better times!

Lighting from her lofty station

Government to other climes!

People's Empire!

Thou shalt brighten coming times.

Her blood-ransomed flag, &c.



VI.

Down-trod millions hither turning,
Come and welcome and be blest!
All the boons of life we're earning,
Freedom, plenty, joy and rest.
Call your Refuge,
BRIGHT REPUBLIC OF THE WEST.

Her blood-ransomed flag glitters bright as her daughters,
Unshorn of a star it shall glitter for aye,
And each gallant ship riding o'er the blue waters
Shall grand old "*E Pluribus Unum*" display.

* Note. Before this anticipated date, having occurred the dreadful fate of the martyr-President, & the unspeakable sorrow of the Nation, the Jubilee was not held & this ode never used.

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